HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE BILAL NAZKI
AND
HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.14838 of 2007

Date: 12-07-2007.

Between :

M/s.Reckitt Benckiser (India) Limited, Secunderabad,
rep. by its Commercial Manager (Southern Region).

.....Petitioner

And

Joint Commissioner (CT), Legal, Hyderabad & another.

.....Respondents.

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ORDER : (Per Hon'ble Sri Justice Bilal Nazki)

Heard learned Counsel for the parties. With their consent, the Writ Petition is being disposed of at this stage.

The controversy is that pending an appeal, application for stay was filed, which is pending before the competent authority. In the meantime, respondents are initiating coercive measures to recover the tax. We have gone through the record. We feel that the interests of justice would have been met if stay was granted pending appeal, subject to deposit of half of the liability. Therefore, we set aside the order of the authority and direct that half of the disputed tax liability shall be paid by the petitioner within a period of six weeks from today. For six weeks, there shall be an unconditional stay and stay shall continue till disposal of appeal, provided the amount is deposited within the stipulated time. The deposit of amount shall be without prejudice to the rights of the petitioner in appeal. If any amount has already been paid by the petitioner, the same shall be given credit.

Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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BILAL NAZKI, J

12th July 2007

S. ANANDA REDDY, J

N.B:
Order by wire at party's cost.

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